



McNary, coached by Jeff Auvinen, has 54 players on its varsity roster: 25 seniors, 21 juniors, seven sophomores and one freshman. The Celtics went 4-6 overall and 4-4 in league play last season.

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Junior Lucas Garvey will be a playmaker on the McNary offense in 2016.

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## VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



Sept. 2 at North Salem  
 Sept. 9 vs South Salem  
 Sept. 16 at Sprague  
 Sept. 23 vs McKay (Homecoming)  
 Sept. 30 vs Forest Grove  
 Oct. 7 at McMinnville  
 Oct. 13 vs West Albany  
 Oct. 21 vs North Medford  
 Oct. 28 at West Salem

All game times are 7:00 p.m.

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instincts, he’s got good vision. He doesn’t quite have the arm strength of Josiah but he’s got more experience. That counts for a lot with quarterbacks, too. It would be nice if we could use Josiah at receiver and get them both in at the same time. That would help us quite a bit. We’ll see how it shakes out.”

Auvinen also wants to get the ball in junior Lucas Garvey’s hands.

“Garvey is a kid with a lot of skills,” Auvinen said. “He’s potentially a running back for us. He’s a slot receiver, he’s a wide receiver. He’s lanky with a good ability to leap.”

Garvey should also see time on defense at safety or corner, matching up against taller receivers.

Another skilled player making an impression on coaches is junior Jose Solorio.

“He’s worked his tail off in the weight room and he’s getting faster and quicker all of the time,” Auvinen said. “He could see time on both sides of the ball.”

Cody Gilmore is another quick player with good ball skills who will play receiver and defensive back. Freshman Junior Walling is also in the mix on defense at either strong safety or rover.

“We have a good group of kids,” Auvinen said. “They’re nice kids. They’re very respectful. I think they’re gonna be responsible. They’re going to show up. They’re going to put the work in. I think we have some good fundamentals. If we can keep everybody healthy, I think we’ve got a good starting rotation. I think they’re smart enough that they can pick up various things. We want

to be as unpredictable on defense as we are on offense this year so we want to keep people off balance. I think they are smart enough to do that.”

Auvinen expects Sprague and West Salem to be the favorites to win the GVC.

“They are both solid programs and returning a lot,” he said. “They kind of dominated the JV league. Both have quite a few returning starters on both sides of the football. Those two are the teams to beat. They can be beaten. I don’t think they are dominant but they go in as the teams to beat, I think.”

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